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Mr. Meade Stirland  
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Dear Mr. Stirland:

We have completed our initial analysis of the proposed NJ-45 Mine Plan; however, before we can finish our review, we must have your responses to the following items:

The plan states that three ventholes will be utilized, but the map shows only two. Please advise us as to which is correct.

The crest and the lines between BM 6300 and BM 6400 are incorrect. Please provide a corrected map or an explanation.

The plan states that reclamation of the area to be disturbed would be addressed in the comprehensive reclamation plan; however, the comprehensive plan failed to do so. We will, therefore, require that the comprehensive plan be amended at a later date to include reclamation of the NJ-45 Mine. However, we can not proceed with our review of the NJ-45 plan until we have your commitment to provide this amendment.

Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

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